



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 4865

National Rifle Association and Wayne LaPierre, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Cooper:

On December 7, 1998, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion to take no action against your clients. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in the matter on June 6, 2000.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer H. Boyt at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
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